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TAXATION IN MASSACHUSETTS. By Phillip Nichols. Boston: The Financial Publishing Company. 1913. pp. xlv, 826.

This is an excellent book on a rather obscure but very important subject, by a man whose experience as Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston has led him to a thorough study of the subject. The principles of the laws of taxation are not generally studied with as great care as many other branches of the law of far less practical importance. In this book Mr. Nichols has dealt with the subject both scientifically and practically. His brief but complete consideration of the limitations of the power of taxation by the Constitution and otherwise, his historical statements on the origin and development of the annual direct tax, the taxation of corporations, the inheritance tax and special assessments, his careful annotation of the statutes, section by section, and his collection of forms make his book a far more valuable one than the ordinary local manual. The book may be equally commended to the lawyers in practice and to the students of taxation in its economic as well as its legal aspects.

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